

SCRIPT - WE THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW LET'S TALK ABOUT NOXIOUS VEGETATION

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Hi, I'm Brian Strohl from the City of Beaverton, Code Services. Today, I want to talk to you about noxious vegetation. What is "noxious vegetation" and why should you care? Noxious vegetation is any weeds or grass more than 12 inches high, poison oak, poison ivy, and blackberries that grow out into the street, sidewalk, or across property lines, and any vegetation that impairs the visibility of motorists.

Would you want this in your backyard? *[Noxious vegetation slides in background]*
Would you want to live next door to this? *[Continue on with slide show.]*

Most of us want our yards and our neighborhoods to look good and be free of noxious vegetation. But sometimes, due to different cultural backgrounds, values, or perhaps even financial circumstances, people allow noxious vegetation on their property. Instead of controlling and maintaining their lot, they allow vegetation to get out of control.

At Code Services, our mission is to enhance neighborhood livability and the quality of life in Beaverton by helping business and residents understand and comply with their responsibilities under Beaverton Code. In our experience helping residents and business maintain their vegetation, we find many different reasons for non-compliance. Many undeveloped parcels of land are owned by absentee landowners. Some live in different parts of Oregon, while others live in different states. They may not even be aware that their property has become overgrown. Some nuisance properties we encounter are in repossession, owned by some bank or finance company back east. Managing these types of properties is a huge challenge.

It is a violation of the Beaverton Code to allow noxious vegetation on any property, and we need your help to make sure it doesn't happen on your property. Please keep your vegetation under control with frequent mowings. Eradicate blackberries before they get out of hand. And kill poison oak and poison ivy when you find it on your property.

And for safety's sake, keep bushes trimmed three feet or lower near streets, driveways and intersections. Keep trees trimmed eight feet above sidewalks and twelve feet above the street. That way, the trash trucks and street sweepers will be able to help you keep Beaverton clean and beautiful.

If you would like to find out more, visit our website *[Display web site address, email address and phone number with city logo in background]* at www.ci.beaverton.or.us or email us at codeservmail@ci.beaverton.or.us or call 503-526-2270 *[Music up, fade in bust shot of talent, zoom out to medium shot.]*

I'm Brian Strohl from the City of Beaverton, Code Services. ***We Thought You'd Like to Know.*** *[Music up.]*

Narrator: We Thought You'd Like to Know is a production of the City of Beaverton.

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